GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE SPORTS PERFORMANCE
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the performance of Indian sportspersons in international sporting events;

(b) the result achieved or likely to be achieved as a result thereof;and

(c) the amount allocated for the development of sports in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) Government supplements the efforts of the National Sports Federations to promote excellence in sports at international level.Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations,the Government provides financial support to federations for training & preparation of athletes for major international competitions,which,inter alia,includes training support,competition exposures, equipment support and scientific & technical assistance.

In addition to this,the Government provides liberal assistance to elite sportspersons for extending need based tailor made assistance to meet all their requirements for participation in major events.

The Government has recently approved a Scheme for Preparation of Indian Teams for the Commonwealth Games,2010,which provides for state of art training facilities and world class coaching to the core probables.The Scheme has an approved outlay of Rs.678.00 crores.

(b) As a result of initiatives made by all stakeholders,including the assistance provided by the Government there has been consistent improvement in our performance at major international events,including the recent Beijing Olympics where India got one Gold and 2 Bronze medals,which is our best performance in Olympics till date.

(c) The amount allocated for the development of sports in the country during the last three years and the current year is as under:-

Rupees in crores

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
365.27	470.88	540.01	824.83